Alleged application of the Rent Reduction Act in non-estate villages.

* 257 Q.—JANAB MAHOMED SALIH MARAIKAYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether it is a fact that even in villages declared as non-estates, the Rent Reduction Act is being applied by Officers of Government?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes. There have been cases in which the Rent Reduction Act has been applied by mistake to villages which have been held by civil courts to be not estates governed by the Estates Land Act. Action is being taken to stop collection of rents under the Rent Reduction Act in such villages."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—RULES GOVERNING ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I hope the House will remember that at the last sitting I told the House that I would circulate a note regarding rules governing adjournment motions. Holidays intervened and so I could not do it. I will have it circulated in a day or two.

" In the meantime I have received a number of adjournment motions. In this connexion I wish to read what the famous Speaker of the House of Commons, Mr. Peel, said in regard to adjournment motions. He said : ' What I think was contemplated was the occurrence of some sudden emergency '. That is the principle laid down by him. I sympathise with hon. Members here, because they have not got as many opportunities to discuss matters as the Members of Parliament have in England. Every day they have got a half-hour debate. I have sent a suggestion for such half-hour debates to the Members of the Rules Committee asking them to give their suggestions. So, when the House accepts the Rules, there will be greater opportunities for Members for debate. That apart, the House would probably be anxious to know the number of adjournment motions admitted in England.

Session.	Number of motions. Offered.	Refused by Speaker.	Allowed by Speaker.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1921 ..	11	3	8
1922 ..	14	10	4
1923 ..	13	11	2
1924 ..	7	5	2
1924–25 ..	6	6	0
1926 ..	10	10	0
1927 ..	1	1	0
1928 ..	5	3	2
1928–29 ..	1	1	0